

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL, which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

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The news follows in detail:

SARL VHF/UHF CONTEST

The second leg of the 2003 SARL VHF/UHF Contest will be run over the weekend of 20 and 21 September. The contest will start at 12:00 CAT and end 24 hours later. There will be activity on the following band segments: on 6 metres - 50 to 51,5 MHz; on 4 metres - 70 to 70,300 MHz, on 2 metres - 144 to 145,550 MHz, on 70 cm - 432 to 433,6 MHz and on 23 cm - 1296 to 1296,5 MHz. Operators of 4 m and 6 m stations must adhere to accepted practices if continental DX openings occur and ensure that recognised DX calling frequencies are not utilised for prolonged periods.

Activity will be on CW, FM or SSB. No digital mode, spread-spectrum, repeater, satellite, EME or Cross-Band operation is permitted. There are four categories for participants to choose from.

The exchange is the call signs of both stations, the RS(T) report and the geographical grid location of the station. No serial numbers are required. The complete rules for the contest can be found on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za. Nico ZS4NS has also written a programme to assist you to log and score for the contest. Download a copy of SARLVU from the SARL website.

WIRELESS ENTHUSIASTS' TECHNICAL OPEN DAY. A CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Following on the success of the Home Construction Open Day held during June this year at the West Rand Amateur Radio Club, a second technical open day will be held on Saturday 29th November at the NARC in Radiokop.

Although a number of speakers and static displays have been confirmed for this event, a few spaces are still available for any amateur radio related technical topics. Since presentation and display space is limited, please call Sid Gabrial, ZS6GQ, on 011- 867-2039 to book your space.

CALLSIGN ZS0AWA ALLOCATED TO SOUTH AFRICAN ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

Thanks to the support of the SARL, the Southern African Antique Wireless Association has been allocated the special call sign ZS0AWA (ZS zero AWA). The SA AWA meets every Saturday morning at 09:00 CAT on 7 070kHz with a relay on 14,175 kHz, beamed to the south from Johannesburg. Membership of the SA AWA is by association, and there is no membership fee.

Amateurs wishing to associate with the SA AWA are requested to order a ZS0AWA call sign badge, gold braid embroidered onto blue cloth, suitable for sewing onto a golf shirt or jacket.

Furthermore, you may wish to order your own call sign in the same format. Please place your order for either the AWA and/or your own call sign with Willie Axford, ZS5WI, P.O. Box 1064, Eshowe, 3815 in cash, together with a SASE for return postage. Funds accumulated from this effort shall be used to pay for annual licence fees and QSL cards.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCTOBER RADIO AMATEUR S EXAMINATION

The closing date for applications to write the next Radio Amateurs Examination in October closed on Friday 12th September.
No late applications will be accepted.

Examination numbers will be communicated to all applicants via post within the next two weeks, and will be published on the SARL web site.

REMINDER TO REGISTER ALL EXAMINATION CENTRES

The next Radio Amateurs Examination will be held on THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER from 19:00 - 22:00 at centres around the country.

All invigilators are required to re-register for the October examination. If you have not already done so, please ensure that we receive your application form

as soon as possible. Applications may be made online on the SARL web site. A copy of the application form can also be obtained by fax from the SARL office at 011 675 2393.

Every examination centre is required to have at least two invigilators, who must be members of the SARL. The SARL Council thanks all those who are conducting RAE courses, and who are giving their time to conduct the examinations at each centre.

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BLOEMFONTEIN RAC

The Bloemfontein RAC held its AGM on Saturday 6 September and the committee for 2003/2004 is as follows:

Chairman: Martin Schwella, ZS4MS; Vice Chairman: Jan Botha, ZS4JAN; Secretary: Dennis Green, ZS4BS; Treasurer: Victor Reitz, ZS4VR; Repeaters: Hennie Greyling, ZS4HG; Clubhouse: Barney Fourie, ZS4U.

The Club's Amateur Radio of the Year Award was awarded to Jan Botha, ZS4JAN.

PRETORIA MEGA FLEAMARKET

The fourth of October is the date to diarize for Pretoria Amateur Radio Club spring fleamarket and bootsale. The venue is in the parking area at the South Campus of the University of Pretoria as usual. All clubs, amateurs and interested parties are invited to make this another memorable day with the best bargains and eyeballs. Trading starts at 09:00. See you there.

WOLKBERG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HOSTS HF CONTEST

On Saturday 27 September from 07:00 - 19:00 CAT the Wolkberg Amateur Radio Club is having a HF contest to promote club activity. The 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160 m bands are used in the contest. The contest is open for all amateurs in Southern Africa.

Categories are for Single operators as well as Portable/field stations. Log sheets should contain: date, time (CAT), call sign of station contacted, RS(T) with consecutive serial numbers sent and received, Wolkberg Amateur Radio Club membership status and points claimed. Scoring is as follows: CW 2points, SSB & digital 1. Two (2) points for a ZS1, ZS2, ZS 4, ZS5 station, 3 points for ZS3, 1 point for ZS1 and also 3 points for neighbouring countries.

Also 2 points for each continent worked and if you work a Wolkberg club member, 5 points. 2 points for each station worked on 3 bands and 3 points for each station worked on all 5 bands.

Contact ZS6WI for more details at 082 468 0468 or e-mail: willem.davel@polokwane.org.za.

Please give points away to the "Wolkbergers" - it is a fun contest!!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

20/21 September: The second leg of the SARL VHF/UHF contest; The cut-off date for membership renewals is extended to 31 October 2003.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin, which was compiled by Martin, ZS6ABU, and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.

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